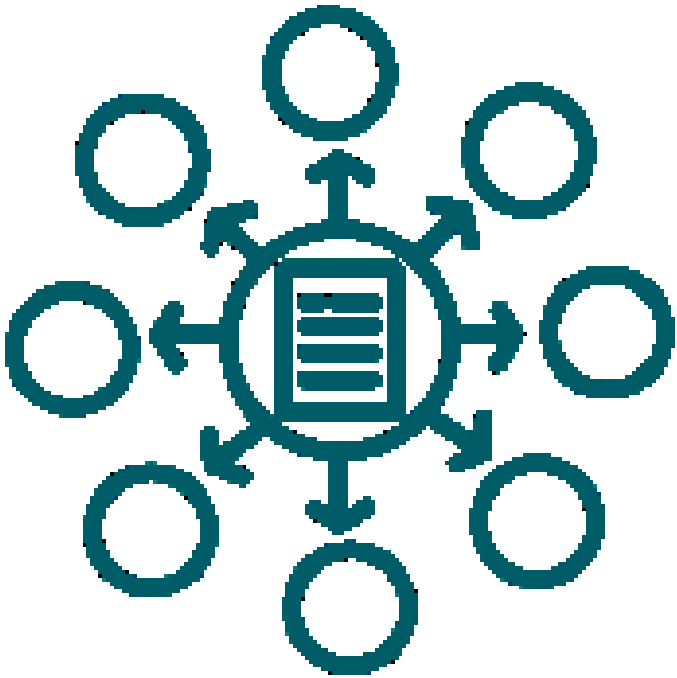


What to consider in regards of Long Term Research Data Preservation - The EPFL ACOUA project

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Context: Data Publication vs. Data Preservation



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Context: Paradigm Change

- Data is considered a scientific outcome worth to be preserved beyond 10 years
 - Researcher: accessibility and reusability needs to be guaranteed beyond a researcher's career
 - Institution: history of important outcomes needs to be preserved
 - Funder/Reviewer: 10 years necessity of storage, but what beyond? Is every output considered as «removable»?
 - Community: reusability and transparency on the long run

EPFL ACOUA project history

- Many datasets produced at EPFL are published, but under 404-error threats on the long run
- Several 100 TBs of data existing that need to be preserved
- Institutional requirement for data preservation AND data publication

“And, does the EPFL have an institutional data repository for the storage of data after the project during approx. 10 years?”

The screenshot shows the Zenodo website interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the Zenodo logo, a search bar, and links for 'Upload', 'Communities', 'Log in', and 'Sign up'. Below the header, the page title is 'EPFL - École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne'. The main content area is titled 'Recent uploads' and features a search bar for 'Search EPFL - École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne'. Two dataset entries are visible:

- October 12, 2020 (1) Dataset Embargoed Access**: A dataset titled 'Dataset for the evaluation of a large-scale in-service K-4 teacher-training program for computer science and robotics' by Laila El-Hamamsy, Frédérique Chessel-Lazzarotto, Barbara Bruno, Jessica Dehler Zufferey, and Francesco Mondada. It contains quantitative teacher data from a training program in the Canton Vaud, Switzerland, involving 350 teachers from primary school grades 4-8.
- July 2, 2020 (v1) Journal article Open Access**: A journal article titled 'Reversible solid-oxide cell stack based power-to-x-to-power systems: Comparison of thermodynamic performance' by Wang, L.; Zhang, Y.; Pérez-Fortes, M.; Aubin, P.; Lin, T-E.; Yang, Y.; Maréchal, F.; Van herle, J. The article discusses challenges for grid management posed by renewable energies.

On the right side of the page, there is a green 'New upload' button and a community profile for 'EPFL - École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne', which includes the EPFL logo, a 'Curated by: rdmepl' label, a 'Curation policy' (datasets submitted by EPFL members), a 'Created: October 17, 2013' date, and a 'Harvesting API: OAI-PMH Interface' link.

Main consideration #1: Large volumes

- Large volumes: Do we need to appraise? How are we going to appraise?
 - Currently: data underlying publications
- Problem of price, volume, and speed of transactions



Main consideration #2: variety of formats

- Highly specific and various technical infrastructures are used to produce data
- Proprietary and potentially obsolete formats to be managed

APPROPRIATE	ACCEPTABLE	NOT SUITABLE
.csv - .hdf5	.txt - .html - .tex - .por	
.csv - .tab - .ods - SQL	.xml if appropriate DTD - .xlsx	.xls - .xlsb
.pdf - .txt - .odt - .odm - .tex - .md - .htm - .xml	.pptx - .pdf with embedded forms - .rtf	.doc - .ppt
.m - .R - .py - .iypnb - .rstudio - .rmd - NetCDF	.sdd	.mat - .rdata
.tif - .png - .svg - .jpeg	jpg - .jp2 - .tif - .tiff - .pdf - .gif - .bmp	.indd - .ait - .psd
.flac - .wav - .ogg	.mp3 - .mp4 - .aif	
.mp4 - .mj2 - .avi - .mkv	.ogm - .webm	.wmv - .mov
NetCDF, tabular GIS attribute data, .shp - .shx - .dbf - .prj - .sbx - .sbn - PostGIS - .tif - .tfw - GeoJSON	.mdb - .mif	
.x3d - .x3dv - .x3db - PDF3D .pdf	.dwg - .dxf	
.xml - .json - .rdf		

Main consideration #3: Sustainability

- External stakeholders, such as funders' requirements
- Need for institutional positioning
 - Institutional vs. national policies



Current EPFL situation

– ACOUA Project

- Call for tender 2019 for data publication and data preservation
 - Results “data publication”
 - no mature tools for our needs in the context of this call for tender
 - Results “data preservation”
 - Winner is compliant with OAIS-standard, experience with national libraries, co-construction for research data preservation
 - national solutions not mature for our needs in the context of this call for tender

Highly parametrizable preservation tools

New preservation plan based on this

To create a new preservation plan based on the current plan, click [here](#).

General information

Preservation plan ID	1
Preservation plan	TestPlan
Preservation area	TestArea
Created on	2020-07-16 10:57:00
Status	✔ Active
Audit schema	default
Type	Ingestion

Metadata ([Show](#))

Associated thumbnail ([Show](#))

Storage ([Show](#))

Sanitizers ([Show](#))

Preprocessors ([Show](#))

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Detailed feedback of failures

Created by	Alessandra Bianchi
Created on	2020-08-25 12:14:53
Shared folder location	Shared folders are only available during the creation and start up of new jobs.
Status	 Explorer errors detected
Processed	
Initial content description	8.58 MB in 1 folders at root level. 0 folders and 2 files.
Related task	Ingestion job 27 task
Type	Interface

Detailed feedback of ingest failures

✖ Explorer results (Hide)



Object name	Creation date time	Message	Status
Fata	2020-08-25 12:19:11	Script failed for object 'Fata': ERROR 1001_ImportFilter_SimpleFilter: Script failed for folder 'C:\libsafewww\tmp\ing\ING0000027\Fata' or folder is empty or input metadata file does not exist. Additional info: File selected='C:\libsafewww\tmp\ing\ING0000027\Fata\metadata.xml'. Exception - System.Xml.XmlException: 'xsi' is an undeclared prefix. Line 1, position 11. at System.Xml.XmlTextReaderImpl.Throw(Exception e) at System.Xml.XmlTextReaderImpl.LookupNamespace(NodeData node) at System.Xml.XmlTextReaderImpl.AttributeNamespaceLookup() at System.Xml.XmlTextReaderImpl.ParseAttributes() at System.Xml.XmlTextReaderImpl.ParseElement() at System.Xml.XmlTextReaderImpl.ParseDocumentContent() at System.Xml.XmlLoader.Load(XmlDocument doc, XmlReader reader, Boolean preserveWhitespace) at System.Xml.XmlDocument.Load(XmlReader reader) at System.Xml.XmlDocument.Load(String filename) at _1001_ImportFilter_SimpleFilter.Module1.transformXSLOneObject().	✖

✔ Ingestion check results (Show)




Customizable active preservation


File format evolution

-  **Re-characterize file formats** - Rerun file characterization routines with new or updated characterization tools. This tool is useful when some objects have been improved for better results.
-  **File format evolution jobs** - Create file format evolution jobs, and access details of running or finished jobs. Files should be updated only on a c operation system performance.

Object metadata update

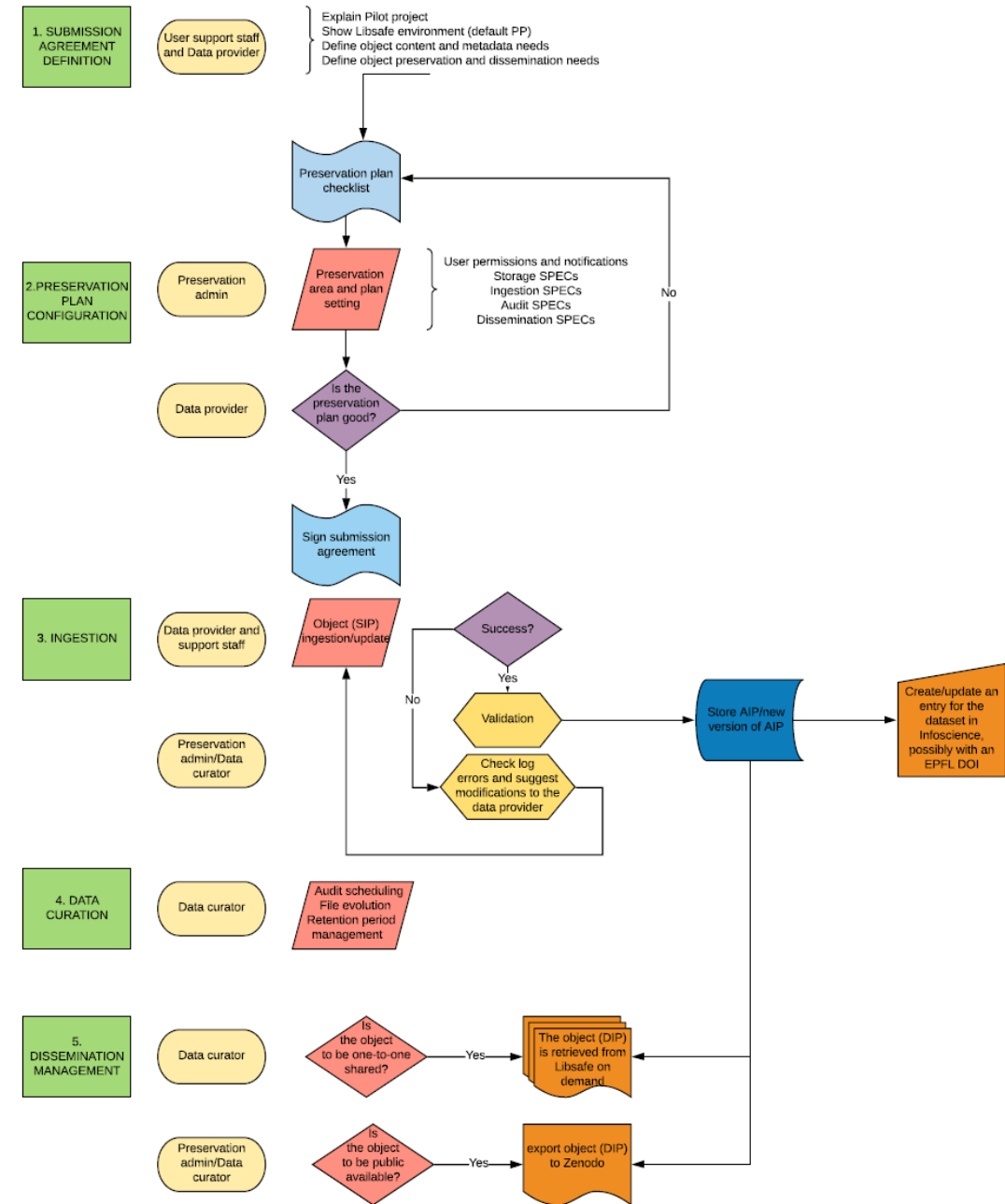
-  **Object metadata update jobs** - Create object metadata update jobs, and access details of running or finished jobs. You can create jobs for updating preservation area to which they belong.

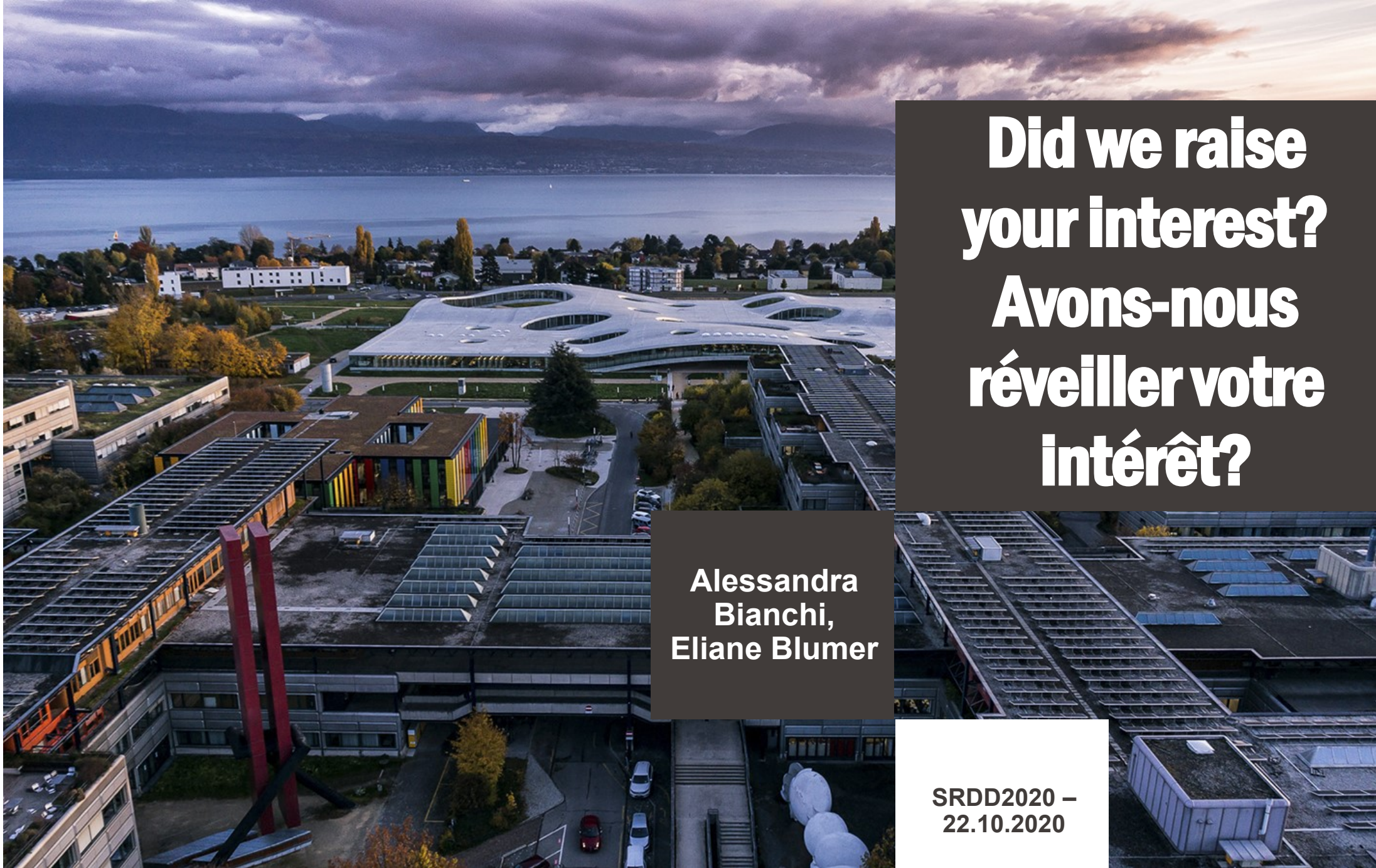
Digital signature

-  **Digital signature jobs** - Create and access digital signature jobs in the system.

Current EPFL workflow

- Internal preparation and discussions
 - Prepare Submission Agreement
 - Prepare Metadata Application Profile
 - Defining our internal process
 - A lot of project management documentation...
- Pilot with labs going on
- Official switch to PROD: 2021





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